

### *House Democrats Vote Against Spending Cut Chosen by Americans on YouCut*

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Tom Rooney (R-Fla.) today expressed disappointment after Democrats in the House of Representatives voted against the spending cut demanded by the American people through a vote on [YouCut](#). Ignoring the more than 280,000 Americans who cast their votes in favor of spending cuts, Democrats rejected a proposal to repeal a \$2.5 billion per year program that gutted the bipartisan welfare reforms of the mid-1990s.

“I am deeply disappointed that the Majority in Congress has refused to answer the American people’s call to cut wasteful spending,” Rooney said. “Last week, more than a quarter-million Americans cast their votes and told Congress they are fed up with the culture of spending in Washington. People in my district in Florida and across the country made it clear that they want Congress to get serious about cutting the deficit. Unfortunately, Democrats in Congress were not up to the task today.

“With more than 81,000 votes, the winning spending cut for this week was a proposal to eliminate a \$2.5 billion annual welfare program created by the so-called stimulus bill. This new program incentivizes states to increase their welfare caseloads without requiring able-bodied recipients to work, get job training, or make other efforts to move off of taxpayer assistance. The program is not only duplicative and costly, but it also undermines the bipartisan welfare reforms of the 1990s that saved billions of taxpayer dollars.

“As we look to trim record-breaking deficits, cutting this wasteful program would have been a good place to start.”

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